



SOUTHEAST NEWS

October - November 2006

Southeast Elementary School, 134 Warrenville Rd., Mansfield Center, CT 06250 423-1611

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to a new school year at Southeast. We are looking forward to working with you this year and celebrating 50 Years of Learning throughout this school year. We are off to a good start...Opening Day was exciting. We had a tremendous turnout at Open House. It was great to see so many of you at our annual event.

We enjoy working with your child. Once again, please let us know how we are doing in meeting the needs of your youngster by sharing your thoughts with us through a note, phone call or parent-teacher conference. We welcome your input!

Hope to see you at our School Fair this weekend.

Sincerely,
Norma Fisher-Doiron



News about St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

Over the past five years, the Southeast family has raised \$21,612.89. Nine children from Connecticut have benefited from your generous support.

Thank you students, parents, friends and relatives for supporting the students who participated in the Math-A-Thon. You have made an enormous contribution to St. Jude's.

I have truly enjoyed sponsoring the Math-A-Thon and I'm grateful that Ms. Kamienski will continue this worthwhile project.

The World of Rope Jumping

We kicked off this school year at Southeast with a visit from World Record Holding Jump Roper, Mark Rothstein a.k.a. "The Rock". His program, "The World of Rope Jumping", consisted of motivating music, inspiring words, and some very impressing jumping skills! Mark presented an exciting interactive program for all of the students. After the morning assembly, with all students in attendance, he worked with each grade level individually. His grade level lessons allowed the students to challenge themselves and learn new jumping techniques. Mark's visit at Southeast encompassed all three parts of our motto for this year: the importance of Strong Minds, Strong Bodies and Strong Character. His full-day presentation was the ideal way to kick-start the year and motivate our students to excel.

Mark Rothstein (is teaching Travis Pearl (Grade 1) some secrets to becoming a better jumper.



From The Green Thumbs Club...

Please send us your empty toner cartridges. We mail them to a special place for recycling and they even pay us! So far, we have collected over \$100 this year from recycling toner cartridges. We use the money to help fund our activities. Your cartridges may be sent to Mr. Maheu's room.

Attendance Line/Nurse: 423-2793

Please visit our website www.mansfieldct.org/schools/southeast

Calendar of Events

- October 2.....Yom Kippur
 3:45-5:15 Expanding Horizons
 6:00 Parents' Hour
 7:00 PTO Meeting
 3.....1st Grade Fieldtrip to Buell's Apple Orchard
 4..... Steve Brimmer Photographer
 School Pictures
 5.....2nd Grade Field Trip to Sturbridge Village
 3:45-5:15 Expanding Horizons
 6.....2:00 Enrichment Clusters
 9.....Columbus Day—No School
 9-13.....Fire Prevention Week
 10.....Professional Development Day
 No School for Students
 12.....9:00 Fire Prevention
 Program/Activities
 3:45-5:15 Expanding Horizons
 7:30 Board of Education Meeting
 13.....2:00 Enrichment Clusters
 16.....3:45-5:15 Expanding Horizons
 18.....3:30 Green Thumbs Meeting
 19.....3:45-5:15 Expanding Horizons
 20.....2:00 Enrichment Clusters
 23.....3:45-5:15 Expanding Horizons
 26.....3:45-5:15 Expanding Horizons
 27.....2:00 Enrichment Clusters
 303:45-5:15 Expanding Horizons
- November 2.....3:45-5:15 Expanding Horizons
 3.....2:00 Enrichment Clusters
 6.....3:45 Expanding Horizons
 6:00 Parents' Hour
 7:00 PTO Meeting
 9.....3:45 Expanding Horizons
 7:30 BOE Meeting
 10.....Veteran's Day — No School
 13.....Professional Development Day
 No School
 15.....2:00 Slim Goodbody Assembly
 3:30 Green Thumbs Meeting
 16.....3:45 Expanding Horizons
 17.....Progress Reports
 20.....Parent-Teacher Conferences
 6:00 Evening Conferences

Calendar of Events (continued)

- November 21.....Parent-Teacher Conferences
 22.....Early Closing
 11:00 Turkey Trot
 23.....Thanksgiving — No School
 24.....Thanksgiving Break—No School
 27.....Expanding Horizons
 30.....3:45 Expanding Horizons



STORIES FOR SOUTHEAST THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

We would like to thank the individuals below for their purchase of the following books for our school library:

- A Is for Aloha... To the Southeast Staff... It has been a privilege to work with all of you. Southeast School is where kids come first! Keep up the good work! And remember to always "Be Happy!"... Aloha, Candace;
- Cranberry Thanksgiving... in memory of Elise Nowak, mother-in-law of William B. Bradley, Sr. ... from the Southeast PTO;
- Fun to Make Halloween Crafts... to Kate Cox, in appreciation of your assistance in the classroom as a parent volunteer. ... from Mickey Maheu;
- M Is for Maple Syrup... To my preschool friends... Thank you for letting me be your first teacher. You made it fun to come to school every single day. Keep reaching for the stars and always "Be Happy!"... Fondly, Candace;
- Matilda... in memory of Elise Nowak, mother-in-law of William B. Bradley, Sr. ... from the Southeast Staff;
- Mrs. Watson Wants Your Teeth... to Jen Schletter, in appreciation of your assistance in the classroom as a parent volunteer. ... from Mickey Maheu;
- On This Spot: An Expedition Back Through Time... in memory of Richard Haley, Director of the Goodwin Conservation Center... from Southeast School;
- Sakes Alive! A Cattle Drive... in memory of Elise Nowak, mother-in-law of William B. Bradley, Sr. ... from Norma Fisher-Doiron.

If you are interested in purchasing a book for our library, please contact Mickey Maheu at 423-1611 for information.

Calling All Gardeners

Help! Our gardens have become more than we can handle. The Southeast garden committee is looking for volunteers to help us weed and maintain our gardens.



Any interested volunteers should contact Sue Kamienski or Cheryl Hathway at 423-1611.

Thank you.

ENRICHMENT CLUSTERS

All Southeast students in kindergarten through grade 4 have the exciting opportunity to attend an enrichment cluster in October and November. **Enrichment clusters will be held from 2:20-3:20 on October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and November 3rd.** Each cluster is comprised of small groups of students from various grades with the same interests. We have many fun and interesting choices this fall that are facilitated by teachers, parents and community volunteers. There's something for everyone! We are always looking for parents to help during clusters: as greeters to help people new to the Southeast community, to check in with each cluster in case anyone needs anything, to take pictures or to provide an extra hand. Clusters are always a lot of fun, so drop by to see what they are all about.

Would you like to know more about Southeast School's Enrichment Program?

All parents are invited

to a

Parent Information Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

6:30-7:30 P.M.

in the Enrichment Room (Rm. 22)

Topics covered include:

- ◆ The Schoolwide Enrichment Model
- ◆ Identification procedures for pull-out program
- ◆ Enrichment opportunities for students

Project Expanding Horizons

During the 2006-2007 school year, Southeast Elementary School will be participating in the Project Expanding Horizons, an after-school reading program for grades 3-6 sponsored by the Neag Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development at the University of Connecticut. This program focuses on the enjoyment of reading challenging books; regular one-on-one conferences with teachers and volunteers will support students in developing their reading skills and interests. Teachers from Southeast and student volunteers from the University of Connecticut will work with the students each day to share reading interests and experiences. We encourage participation from students who are interested in reading and wish to have more time to share their reading interests with others; the program is not intended to be a remedial reading program or a homework activity. This will be Southeast's second year of participation in the program.

- The program will run this fall from September 18th until December 7th.
- The program will provide all book and materials for students with a small snack each day.

No grades will be assigned based on the program. Students will complete a reading log to demonstrate their progress and activities, and they will complete assessment activities at the beginning and end of the program to allow us to determine progress of the group. Student assessments will include a reading fluency test, a reading attitude survey, and an interest survey along with their reading logs.

We are very proud of our students who participate in this program. Their sustained effort is most impressive.



Have you heard about Radio Southeast?

Mr. Hendricks and Mrs. Irvine work with Southeast students to create a radio-like broadcast that is posted on the Southeast web site for families to hear at home. Students write scripts and record audio using a computer and the audio is then pieced together to create a podcast or radio-like show. Some mini-episodes are also created to showcase student work such as poems and stories. Mr. Hendricks and Mrs. Irvine received a grant this year from the Connecticut Association for the Gifted (CAG) to purchase more equipment and expand the Radio Southeast program to include more students and staff. Watch for the first episode of this school year which will feature Strong Minds, Strong Bodies and Strong Character.